

Next Saturday — The Deciding Test Match Canada v. Australia

Royal Agricultural Show Ground.

Will Australia win the ashes?

Churches		Goals	
Congr. A	9 9	—	43 13 18
Mission	9 6 2 1	—	20 11 13
Baptist	9 3 4 2	—	23 23 8
St. Marks	9 2 4 3	—	10 24 7
Thistles	9 1 5 3	—	19 24 5
Congr. B	9 — 6 3	—	11 31 3

M.S.F.A. RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED 12th JULY, 1924.

1st Grade 1st Division	
Pymont Rangers beat Gladsville 6—1.	
Granville beat Auburn 6—1.	
Two Blues beat Balmain Gladstones 2—1.	
Sydney beat Balmain Fernleigh 1—1.	
2nd Division	
Leichhardt beat Lachlan Rangers 2—0.	
St. George beat Canterbury 3—0.	
West Sydney beat Pymont 2—1.	
Rangers beat Balmain Scottish 5—0.	
2nd Grade A Division	
Bankstown beat West Sydney 3—1.	
Pymont beat Sunlight 5—1.	
Lilyfield Rangers beat Drummoyne 3—1.	
Campsie Thistle beat Fire Brigades 9—1.	
Annandale receive forfeit from A.G.L. Coy.	
Gladsville receive forfeit from Rozelle Albions.	

B Division	
Botany Albions beat South Sydney 5—1.	
Booralee Rovers beat Burns Club 2—0.	
Sydney beat Callan Park 1—0.	
North Sydney beat Alexandria 2—1.	
Metters beat Eastern Suburbs 5—1.	
Garden Island beat Manly 2—1.	

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

Goals	
P W L D F A Pts	
Granville	9 8 1 — 34 11 16
Two Blues	9 4 2 3 12 11 11
Sydney	9 2 2 5 15 12 9
Pymont Rgs.	9 3 3 3 22 17 9
Auburn	9 2 3 4 9 14 8
Bal. Gladstones	8 2 3 3 14 22 7
Gladsville	8 2 4 2 13 23 6
Bal. Fernleigh	9 — 5 4 3 11 4

Second Division	
P W L D F A Pts	
Rangers	9 7 1 1 36 11 15
St. George	9 6 1 2 25 10 14
West Sydney	9 4 1 4 24 14 12
Pymont	9 4 2 3 23 17 11
Leichhardt	9 5 3 1 23 16 11
Bal. Scottish	9 1 6 2 9 39 4
Lachlan Rgs.	9 2 7 — 17 32 4
Canterbury	9 — 8 1 13 42 1

2nd Grade A Division	
P W L D F A Pts	
Annandale	10 8 — 2 32 5 18
Pymont	10 7 1 2 23 12 16
Sunlight	10 7 2 1 28 9 15
Bankstown	10 6 1 3 22 5 15
Campsie Thistle	10 4 3 3 25 16 11
West Sydney	10 5 5 — 26 21 10
Gladsville	10 4 4 2 12 15 10
Lilyfield Rgs.	10 4 6 1 15 25 9
Drummoyne	10 2 5 3 9 24 7
Fire Brigades	10 3 6 1 6 29 7
A.G.L. Coy.	10 — 10 — 3 27 0
Rozelle Albions	10 — 10 — 1 14 0

2nd Grade B Division	
P W L D F A Pts	
Sydney	10 7 1 2 29 17 16
Metters	8 7 — 1 33 6 15
Botany Albions	10 6 3 1 35 13 13
Callan Park	10 6 4 — 20 12 12
Alexandria	10 4 3 3 22 11 11
Garden Island	8 5 2 1 17 11 11
North Sydney	10 5 4 1 23 20 11
Manly	9 3 4 2 15 20 9
Eastern Suburbs	10 3 6 1 19 25 7
Burns Club	10 2 7 1 14 35 5
Booralee Rovers	10 1 8 1 10 32 3
South Sydney	9 1 8 — 8 43 2

N.D.B.F.A. (Continued) (Continued from page 6).

UNDER 13 or B GRADE PROTEST
New Lambton, who had finished at the top of the table, had played an over-age player right through the competition. The Committee therefore deducted the points, and New Lambton were deprived of the right to enter the second round. The player in question is to attend this week's Committee meeting.

In this competition the leader of round No. 2 on points takes the Willa Cup, and the two leaders play for the trophies.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE TO DATE.

Senior Grade	
P W L D F A Pts	
Wallsend	10 6 1 3 22 16 15
West Wallsend	9 6 2 1 20 7 13
Cessnock	9 5 1 3 19 10 13
Adamstown	10 6 3 1 16 10 13
New Lambton	8 2 4 2 7 12 6
Weston	7 2 4 1 15 17 5
North	9 1 5 3 11 18 5
Kurri Kurri	8 2 6 0 13 19 4
Mayfield	8 2 5 0 10 24 4

Third Grade	
P W L D F A Pts	
Killingworth	10 8 1 1 20 11 11
Rovers	8 7 1 0 23 5 11
Booralee	10 5 2 3 17 10 11
Dudley	10 5 2 3 16 16 11
Adamstown	9 5 2 2 20 17 11
West Wallsend	9 4 2 3 16 10 11
Hokmesville	10 4 3 3 19 15 11
Islington	9 5 3 1 16 16 11
Teralba	10 4 3 3 18 24 11
Minni	10 4 5 1 15 10 11
Swansea	9 2 3 4 14 12 11
Barnsley	11 3 6 2 17 19 11
Young Wallsend	11 2 7 2 7 24 11
New Lambton	10 1 9 0 4 5 11
Mayfield	10 0 10 0 5 33 11

Fourth Grade A Division (complete)	
P W L D F A Pts	
Cardiff	9 7 1 1 31 10 11
Broadmeadow	9 5 2 2 18 10 11
Booralee	9 5 2 2 16 6 11
Adamstown	9 5 2 2 16 11 11
New Lambton	9 4 3 2 19 14 11
Jesmond	9 3 2 4 16 11 11
Teralba	9 4 4 1 13 15 11
Hamilton	9 2 4 3 12 17 11
Awaba	9 0 7 2 7 30 11
Barnsley	9 0 8 1 4 28 11

Under 16 A Division	
P W L D F A Pts	
Merewether	8 7 1 0 28 3 11
Adamstown	9 6 2 1 21 17 11
Cardiff	10 6 4 0 18 14 11
New Lambton	9 5 3 1 23 11 11
Hamilton	8 5 3 0 15 11 10
Lambton	10 2 8 0 19 29 11
Broadmeadow	10 0 10 0 4 39 11

Under 16 B Division	
P W L D F A Pts	
Kia Ora	10 9 0 1 36 4 11
West Wallsend	11 6 2 3 23 14 11
Teralba	10 6 3 1 12 7 11
Young Wallsend	10 6 3 1 14 9 11
Cath. Hill Bay	11 3 6 2 14 26 11
Swansea	10 3 6 1 10 14 11
Booralee	11 3 8 0 20 24 11
Summerhill	9 0 8 1 8 39 11

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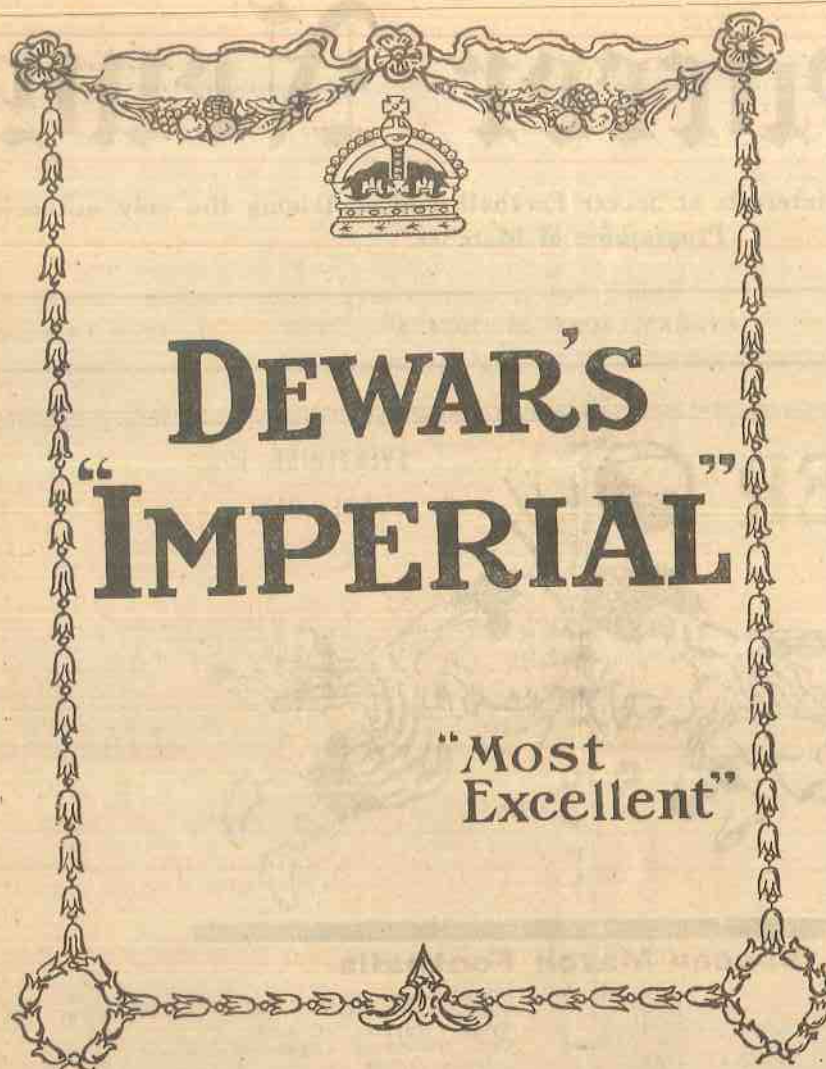
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'SPURS' BID FOR LONDON COMBINATION LEADSHIP.

Scoring Leader.

Alf. Jennings, the ex-Granville star, is doing well for the Hotspur Reserve Team, in the London County Championship, as will be seen from the following:—

'Spurs' Reserves made their final bid for the London Combination championship when they beat Milwall Reserves yesterday, at New Cross, by 3—1. They have now 61 points to their credit, while West Ham, their rivals, have 59 with one game to play. West Ham, however, have the better goal average, and if they win against Charlton to-morrow will secure the honors.

The condition of the ground was against a high standard of play, but the 'Spurs' were decidedly the stronger team. Their attack showed combined moves such as Milwall did not attempt, and they received far better assistance from the back division than did the home men. Jennings, who led the front line, showed sound opportunism and scored all three goals. The home club relied upon individual dash rather than concerted play, and Keen was certainly very dangerous in his rushes, which were often luckily checked.

A Great Shot.

A great shot by Jennings opened the scoring after three minutes play, Sharp having provided the opportunity. Milwall made

good efforts to reply before the 'Spurs' centre-forward netted again, accepting a pass from Sage after a free-kick. Keen replied soon after the interval and Purdy made a great save, a little later, to prevent the home leader from equalising. Jennings completed his "hat-trick" in the last minute of the game.

Milwall have secured a sound defender in Brown, who played at left back. He tackled well and showed good judgment in his kicking. Clark, who came with Brown from Gainsborough, was less conspicuous. The home club were unlucky during the later stages of the game, in being deprived of the services of Lansdale. The goal-keeper came into collision with Brown, in attempting a clearance, and injured his right arm. Collins, who had been sound if over-keen at centre half, deputised ably in goal.

PERSONAL.

Congratulations to Frank Melliar-Smith on his re-selection as outside left for Australia. It will be remembered that Melliar represented Australia in the first Test, but Thompson, McNaughton and Ramsay have been tried since. However, the old adage that "the first love is best" seemed to be proven in this instance.

Tommy Thompson, the Balgownie flier, will be seen at inside left to-day. Thompson acquired a lot of experience in New Zealand. It is hoped it will stand him in good stead to-day.

"Jock" Comrie's selection as reserve back will surely be pleasing to followers of the game, for Jock has improved out of sight this season. As a captain he has no equals amongst his contemporaries.

Sid Robinson, Rangers' champion full-back, is playing, as well as ever. There is no doubt that given the opportunity he would have made good against the Canadians.

Sid Alewood, reserve forward to-day, is the sort of player who should not be playing second division. With District Football League vogue next year, Alewood should be seen to advantage.

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AUSTRALIAN TEAM. Fifth Test at Adelaide.

Editorial

With first-class grounds becoming increasingly difficult to secure for our fixtures, and so urgently necessary for the expansion of the game, it is gratifying to see clubs with sufficient foresight and enterprise to set about obtaining permanent playing areas for themselves. The latest club to attempt the purchase of its home ground is Garden Island. The site, Crescent Oval, is situated about three minutes from Dulwich Hill Railway Station, and is fairly handy to the tram. As a result of advertising in these pages many inquiries have been received, and the results are such as to justify the club, in hoping to be independent of councils and trusts in the not very distant future.

The scheme, which provides for forty shareholders each investing £20, with a deposit of £3, and the balance at the rate of 2/- weekly, commends itself, especially to players, for if forty, combined in the purchase, it would mean that besides getting their football in the winter and cricket in summer for two shillings per man per week, there is every prospect of the ground being a profitable concern later on.

Garden Island Club is to be congratulated on its policy of self-help, which we hope to see crowned with well-deserved success.

JUNIOR FIXTURES CANCELLED.

All Junior fixtures in the Metropolis have been cancelled to-day. This means that no matches under the jurisdiction of the Metrop. Juniors, the Protestant Churches, Ryde, Canterbury and St. George will be played.



Standing: H. Spurway, F. Gallen, T. Briston, G. Cartwright, G. Storey, G. Raftt.
Sitting: C. Williams, W. Maunder, E. Lukeman (Secretary C.F.A.), J. Masters (Capt.), W. Bellis (Hon. Secretary South Australian Association), J. Orr, F. Ramsay.

THE ENGLISH TEAM.

Coming Next Year.

Provided Finance is Available.

The long-looked-for cable from England announcing that an English team is coming, has arrived, but the financial side of the proposal will have to be carefully considered by the Commonwealth Football Association before it definitely commits itself. The cable reads as follows:—"Proposed tour starts end of March, terminates end of September. Estimated cost not including steamer and rail fares and hotel bills, £6500, this to be paid here by you. Any surplus will be refunded. Suggested party twenty-three above figure includes estimated wages professional players' outfits, personal expenses, and insurance. You can make all necessary arrangements and purchase tickets for voyage to Australia and New Zealand and return."

PERSONAL ITEMS.

The Canadians.

Mosher, Canada's champion goalie, it will be remembered, broke his leg in the match against Victoria, in Melbourne, on July 2nd, is still in a private hospital in that city.

Chapman, the inside left, is his companion in misfortune, and owing to knee injury is occupying the bed adjoining Mosher's. It is sincerely hoped that both sufferers will soon be well again.

Mr. James Adam, manager of the "Canuks," has fallen a victim of Sydney's weather, being confined to his room (when this paper went to press) with the 'flu. He was unable to accompany his team to Cessnock consequently. Mr. J. Hawke, the South Coast Hon. Sec., travelled with the party as manager.

ROUGH PLAY.

It is contended in some quarters that our game is too meek and mild, some say too ladylike to appeal to the majority of football fans in this country. Is this contention correct? The writer is of the opinion that this is not so. For vigorous, bustling football, our players easily hold their own against all-comers; but is that the Soccer game as it should be played? Are we sacrificing science for dash, and combination for kick and rush? If we are we will have to change our methods. In many cases our players undoubtedly play the ball without due consideration for their opponents. Some sadly need educating in the art of beating a man by clever footwork.

Brains rather than brawn is what our game calls for, and no player should play or tackle an opponent in such a way as makes it possible for him to inflict serious injury.

Of the visiting team, the Chinese undoubtedly won the greatest public popularity; about them there were no aggressive tactics; their scrupulous fairness, clean play, and clever ball manipulation impressed and delighted the crowd. Take our more recent visitors, the Canadians, were they

not condemned for introducing rough methods in the second Test match? There was a great hue and cry when they adopted vigorous tactics, and played the man as well as the ball. The crowd would not stand for it, neither will rough play be tolerated in our own club games. That is why we are losing a lot of support. Take our teams as a whole, which one is the most successful, most popular, and claims the biggest following? Granville, and is this not because they exploit the scientific side of the game rather than the kick and rush style of so many of our teams? We certainly do not want lady players, for ours is above all a man's game, and should be played by manly men who play with due consideration for their opponents, and do not take unfair advantage of a better player with surreptitious ankle taps and shin kicks, or little painful digs in tender spots with the knee. I think some players do these things because they have not been taught better; the sooner we remedy this the better it will be for the players and the gates.

R.H.M.

A FINE TESTIMONIAL.

Letter to Mr. Langridge.

From British Rugby Manager.

The Rugby Football League,
British Touring Team.
Hotel Brighton,
Brighton-le-Sands,
18th July, 1924.

Dear Mr. Langridge,—

Before leaving Australia for New Zealand we wish to place on record our sincere thanks for, and appreciation of, your services to the members of the British Touring Team.

We have publicly stated that in no small measure you contributed, by the excellence of your treatment, to the success of the team.

Owing to the exigencies of the itinerary, particularly with regard to travelling, and the lack of suitable training facilities, our players were not able to give of their best, but when you took them in hand, success crowned their efforts, and your own. Your treatment of the injured players was most satisfactory, and I am pleased to say that they are now all fit and well.

We thank you for helping us to retain the "ashes."
Believe me, yours sincerely,
(Signed) E. OSBORNE,
Sec. Manager.

Mr. Langridge trained New Zealand for the Soccer Tests last season, and is responsible for the condition of the Australian team playing against Canada to-day. Club Secretaries should see Mr. Langridge.

BON VOYAGE.

This will be the last occasion on which the Sydney public will have the pleasure of seeing the Canadians in action, for they leave for home next Friday. The tour of Australia has occupied 13 weeks, during which time all the principal centres of four States—New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia have been visited. They have shown us a different class of Soccer to what we have been used to, and have undoubtedly been responsible for a further stimulus of interest in the round ball game in Australasia. We wish them a safe return home, and hope that some day we may meet them again.

THE DECIDING TEST.

To-day's match is a deciding Test match, and an endeavour is to be made to secure finality. If at the end of full time the match should result in a draw, an extra ten minutes each way will be played. Both sides have won two Tests, and the other was drawn. Neither side even has the advantage of the goal average, each side having scored eight goals.

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Adamstown Defeat Neath at Tramway Ground.

By Full Back.

Before only a fair attendance Adamstown kept up their reputation by downing Neath, and although only one was scored in the game, it meant victory to the Buds, and incidentally 2 points in the competition table. The victory is the fourth in succession, and it is possible for the wearers of the Blue and Black to win the Ellis Cup. Play had not been long in progress before Dunn, who was playing well at outside left, sent in a good centre. "Massa" Russell met the ball, and without hesitation, shot low into the net. This score aroused Neath, who attacked Adamstown's goal, only to be driven back by Smith clearing; Doyle secured, and feeding his forwards well, sent Cameron ahead, his shot being saved by Steinbeck in brilliant fashion. Midfield play followed, and eventually Hartley secured, and passed to Baldwin, who missed a golden opportunity by shooting wide.

Neath's defence was tested on a number of occasions, but Steinbeck in goal, ably assisted by Jenkins, who is a great back, cleared time and again. Rennix and Stoker were also defending well, and it was entirely due to their efforts that no further score was recorded. For Adamstown, Smith did the little he had to do well. Jim Beddow played his usual safe game, and his partner, "Stingum" Lambert, played a good game, although on many occasions he roamed to his old position at centre half. Neath's forwards were often, however, offside, as a result of his ramblings. Peter Doyle played a hard game as centre half, and placed the ball well to his forwards. "Massa" Russell played well, but Jenkins was always safe, and spoiled his efforts.

Towards the end of the game play began to get rough, but a caution from Referee Nicholson had the desired effect.

CESSNOCK v. WEST WALLSEND.

A record crowd (also a record gate for any club match on the Maitland field) was present at Cessnock. Only one goal was scored, and the result of a nice piece of play; George Rowe put to Harden, who passed to Len-

nard, and that player made no mistake, sending in a hard shot, giving Coutts no chance. The game was very well handled by Referee Jim Sneddon, and was fought out in a very sportsman-like manner. The defence of Cessnock was excellent. Hannah, in goal, played a marvellous game, his save from Di McLauchlan was a great feat, for which he received an ovation from the spectators. Westy did most of the attacking in the second half, but the Nocks defence was solid, and one of the best games played on the Coalfield resulted in a one goal victory for the home team.

This win puts Cessnock well in the running for the Ellis Cup.

KURRI v. WESTON.

The local Derby between these two teams resulted in a win for Kurri by 3 goals to 1.

Foley got two and Phillips one for Kurri, while Jack Gilmore converted a penalty for Weston. This win puts Kurri ahead of their neighbours, and Secretary George Winship is quite jubilant at having won the double against the Magpies.

NEW LAMBTON v. WALLSEND.

The Rocks were unable to put it over the Bolshies on their home ground, and for the fourth match in succession failed to record a win, or get a goal. Bill Craig and E. Urwin scored Wallsend's points, and the victory has made their possession of the Ellis Cup look rosy. They, however, still have Adamstown to meet twice, Weston, Neath and Mayfield. New Lambton's losses can be attributed to the many changes made in their team, the players not having an opportunity to get used to one another's play.

FOURTH GRADE QUALIFYING.

The early game at the Tramway was played between Broadmeadow and Boolaroo; only one goal was scored in this match, and Broadmeadow were the victors, Dyas scoring the points. The winners will meet Adamstown to-day, and the winner of this match will enter the semi-final. The draw for the semi-final is:—Cardiff v Fernleigh, and Wakefield v

the winner of Adamstown and Broadmeadow.

THIRD GRADE RESULTS.

Dudley and Islington played a two-all draw at Wickham.

Minmi defeated Barnsley by 2 goals to nil.

Boolaroo defeated Adamstown 3 goals to nil.

West Wallsend received forfeit from N. Lambton.

Swansea defeated Mayfield 5 goals to 1.

Teralba received forfeit from Young Wallsend.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CUP.

Holmesville Too Good.

The games at Young Wallsend drew a large crowd. In the early game Wakefield, winners of the B division, 4th grade Cup, met Holmesville in the Sherwin Williams' knock-out, and suffered their first defeat of the season. Roy Paddocks getting two goals. "Whistler" McBlane started full back for the winners, but was injured and went on the wing, Tim Aubin going full back. The change proved effective, as it was from McBlane's good work that both goals were scored.

Tommy Lee, Wakefield's skipper, played a great game for the losers.

THIRD GRADE.

Rovers and Killingworth met in the 3rd grade, and as both were leading in the points score, keen rivalry existed. Killingworth made the pace a cracker, and looked like overwhelming Rovers, but the defence of Wardle and Miller held out, although Killy secured 7 corners in the first quarter of an hour. Then Rovers made an attack. Jobling sent over a perfect centre, which Connolly quickly netted. Rovers led at half time 1 nil.

In the second half Rovers added two more goals, Connolly putting through the Killy goalie's legs into the net, and Murmain added the other.

Just on time Wardle handled in the penalty area, and from the resultant kick Phillips beat Tredennick with a hard drive. The final score was—Rovers 3, Killingworth 1.



H. NOSEWORTHY,

A Clever Substitute for Mosher.



R. HARLEY,
The Skipper.

A TRUE SPORT.

Jim Quinn, of West Wallsend, has been congratulated many times on his very sportsmanlike action in the final of the West Wallsend local competition. He took his brother Ted's place, and as it was his first game he refused to accept a medal saying he only played in Ted's place, because he was too ill to play.

OLD WAR-HORSES.

In Barnsley and Holmesville teams respectively, Mat Lamb for the former, and Billy Beal for the latter, stripped to make the teams up to the required strength. Both are secretaries of their respective club. They say now that it is harder to play than to write, and were not at home to callers on Sunday after the game.

SUSPENSION.

For submitting false evidence to the Committee, J. Smith was suspended for season 1924, and four playing Saturdays in 1925.

UNDER 18 B GRADE RESULTS

WESTY DEFEATS MEREWETHER

West Wallsend met Merewether in the second round of this competition at Wickham Oval. Both these teams were leaders in their respective divisions, Merewether with a goal average of 67 against 4, and Westy with an average of 25 against 5. Westy proved too clever for their small opponents, and the bustling tactics of Ross, and the forceful defending of Richardson, put the wind up the seashiders. The game resulted—W. Wallsend 4, Merewether nil.

ROVERS DEFEAT NEWTOWN

Newtown, as a result of a successful protest against Jesmond, visited Wallsend to oppose Rovers. The last-named won by 8 to nil.

ADAMSTOWN DEFEAT BROADMEADOW

Adamstown who last week were well beaten by Rovers, had revenge on Broadmeadow, defeating them by three goals to nil.

UNDER 16 RESULTS

Catherine Hill Bay and Swansea played a scoreless draw.
Kia Ora defeated Young Wallsend 12 to 1.
West Wallsend defeated Teralba 5 to nil.
New Lambton defeated Hamilton 2 to 1.
Merewether defeated Adamstown 2 to nil.
Cardiff defeated Lambton 4 to nil.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES AT TRAMWAY AND YOUNG WALLSEND GROUND

Tramway, 3.15: Gardiner Cup—Kurri v Adamstown. Referee, Mr. J. Sneddon.
Tramway, 1.30: Fourth Grade—Broadmeadow v Adamstown. Referee, Mr. J. Sanderson.
Young Wallsend, 3.15: Sherwin Williams: Rovers v Young Wallsend. Referee, W. Stott.
Young Wallsend, 1.30: Fourth Grade, Senior: Cardiff v Fernleigh. Referee, J. Nicholson.

SENIOR FIXTURES

Weston v Neath, 3.15. Referee, Mr. F. Harvey.
West Wallsend v New Lambton, 3.15. Referee, Mr. C. Nix.
Mayfield v Cessnock, 3.15. Referee, Mr. B. Pratten.

GARDINER CUP

Wallsend v Auburn, at Sydney Agricultural Ground.

At the Tramway Ground to-day Kurri will meet Adamstown in the third round of the State championship. Adamstown only made one alteration to the team that defeated Neath last week. (Artie) Lambert will be away representing Australia in the Test match, and W. Stewart will take his old position as tackling back. Peter will play centre half, as last week, all the rest being the same.

Kurri have all their stars available, and Secretary George Winship will not

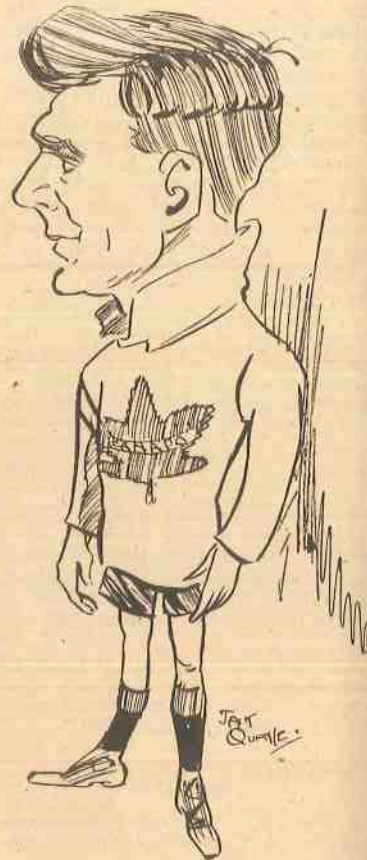
hear of defeat. All Kurri will be down to barrack for their team, and after their victory over Weston last week, will keep the Buds moving to avoid defeat.

I, however, expect Adamstown, although without "Stingum" to enter the next round. Jim Sneddon, who tooted so well last week, has charge of game.

Weston will be at home to Neath, and as both are on the same mark, a keen contest can be expected. Neath are greatly handicapped by the loss of Drinkwater, and had misfortune not befallen this player Neath may have been further up the competition table. With the game on their own ground, Weston should win. Referee F. Harvey is having his first senior game, and from the reports of his handling of last week's game, the game is in good hands.

West Wallsend will be at home to New Lambton, and the Rocks are out to avenge that first round defeat. They will find, however, that the Blues are a hard nut to crack, and Westy should get two points.

Cessnock visit Mayfield, and should not have any difficulty in making their position more secure. T. Durie and R. McNaughton are absent from the Nocks team through injuries.



F. BOWMAN,
The Left Winger.

Wallsend visit Sydney, and meet Auburn in the Gardiner Cup. The match will be played as early game to the Test match. Quite a host of supporters are making the trip to the Metropolis, and arrangements are being made to have the result posted at the Tramway Ground. Wallsend have their full team (with the exception of Rungi Gibson) available, and should not have any difficulty in disposing of Auburn.

TRAMWAY FOOTBALL.

Newcastle Tramway team defeated Uiting on Tuesday by four goals to nil. Allen, the ex-Mayfield forward, did the hat-trick, and "Legs" O'Brien scored the fourth. This success has put Newcastle team one point behind Rozelle, who are the leaders of the Tramway competition, and on Tuesday they meet on the Tramway Ground, as a curtain-raiser to the Canada v West Wallsend Match.

CANADA v WEST WALLSEND (State Champions)

On Tuesday next Canada will meet West Wallsend (the State champions) on the Tramway. This will be Canada's last match in Australia. All the Blues' stars are available, and a good game should be witnessed.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	Senior Grade						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Wallsend	11	7	1	3	24	16	17
Cessnock	10	6	1	3	20	10	15
Adamstown	11	7	3	1	17	10	15
West Wallsend	10	6	3	1	20	8	13
Kurri Kurri	9	3	6	0	16	20	6
New Lambton	9	2	5	2	7	14	6
Neath	10	1	6	3	11	19	5
Weston	8	2	5	1	16	20	5
Mayfield	8	2	6	0	10	24	4

	Third Grade						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Killingworth	11	8	2	1	21	14	17
Rovers	9	8	1	0	26	6	16
Boolaroo	11	6	2	3	20	10	15
Dudley	11	5	2	4	18	18	14
West Wallsend	10	5	2	3	16	10	13
Teralba	11	5	3	3	18	24	13
Ellington	10	5	3	2	18	18	12
Adamstown	10	5	3	2	20	20	12
Holmesville	10	4	3	3	19	15	11
Minni	11	5	5	1	17	10	11
Swansea	10	3	3	4	19	13	10
Barnsley	12	3	7	2	17	21	8
Young Wallsend	12	2	8	2	7	24	6
New Lambton	11	1	10	0	4	5	2
Mayfield	11	0	11	0	6	38	0

Under 18 Second Round

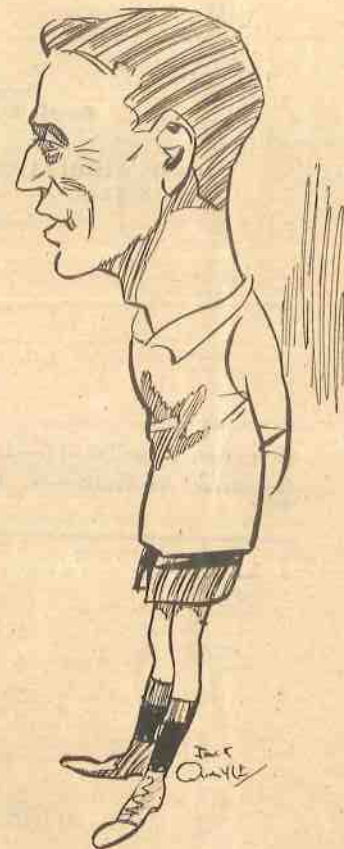
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
West Wallsend	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Rovers	2	2	0	0	11	0	4
Adamstown	2	1	1	0	3	5	2
Merewether	1	0	1	0	0	4	0
Broadmeadow	2	0	2	0	0	6	0
Newtown	1	0	1	0	0	8	0

Under 16 A Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Merewether	9	8	1	0	30	3	16
Cardiff	11	7	4	0	22	14	14
New Lambton	10	6	3	1	25	16	13
Adamstown	10	6	3	1	21	19	13
Hamilton	9	5	4	0	16	13	10
Lambton	11	2	9	0	19	33	4
Broadmeadow	10	0	10	0	4	39	0

Under 16 B Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Kia Ora	11	10	0	1	48	5	21
West Wallsend	12	7	2	3	28	14	17
Teralba	11	6	4	1	12	12	13
Young Wallsend	12	6	5	1	15	27	13
Swansea	12	4	6	2	16	14	10
Cath. Hill Bay	12	3	6	3	14	26	9
Boolaroo	12	3	9	0	20	24	6
Summerhill	10	1	8	1	8	39	3



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THE COMPETITIONS.

Hurlstone Park Congs. are waking up, and surprised St. Pauls 1-0. Ryde Meth. held Alex. Mission till half time, but after interval the Mission were too good. The surprise of the day was the defeat of St. John Bal. A by Lakemba Congs A 2-0.

Nothing was outstanding in 2nd grade A Division last week. All Souls and Austens put up a better game than have any of the First Grade teams this year. Townsend scored early in the piece, and that was the only score. Holt failed badly from a penalty. Park and Godbee as usual played a good game.

The surprise of the day was All Saints towelling Croydon Congs. A. However, there may be more to report about this match next week. L'hardt Meth. want a few more Kelly's to be equal to Fivedock Meth. The B Division did not provide many thrills either last week.

K.O. Competition.

Entrances for the above competition close on 31st July. Teams who intend entering should do so at once. No forms are necessary, the payment of the entrance fee being sufficient.

P.C.R.A.

The above Association, in conjunction with the members of management, held their 3rd annual dinner last Monday in the library of the Leichhardt Town Hall. In the absence of the President (who was absent on account of his wife's illness), Vice-president Brydie took the chair. Mr. S. Taylor proposed the health of the P.C.R.A., which was replied to by the Hon. Sec., Mr. Scott. Mr. D. Jackson proposed the P.C.S.F.A. and the code, to which Mr. Henry replied. On behalf of the referees the chairman presented Mr. R. H. Henry, the only life member of the Association, with a pipe in recognition of services towards the code generally, and more particularly in connection with the inauguration of the P.C.R.A.

A blackboard lecture was given by Mr. G. K. Martin. Messrs. Harman, Scott, Martin, H. Jackson, Brydie and Henry supplied the musical items. Mr. D. Page very thoughtfully gave his services as accompanist.

North Sydney.

Mr. R. H. Henry is at present negotiating with official "over the

Shore," and it is hoped there will soon be a North Shore Branch of the P.C.S.F.A.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 2nd AUGUST, 1924.

First Grade.

St. Johns Bal. A v St. Clements, on L'hardt Flat, at 3.15.
St. Aidans A v Alex. Missions A, Botany, 3.15.
Drum. Bap. v St. Pauls, Wardell Rd. No. 2, 3.15.
Lakemba Congs. A v H. Pk. Congs, Hurlstone Park, 3.15.
Ryde Meths. the bye.

Second Grade A Division.

M'kville Pres. v Tempe Park Meths., Wardell Rd. No. 3, 1.45.
Enmore Tabs v Dul. Hill Bap., Wardell Rd. No. 1, 1.45.
Alex. Congs. v Botany Meth. A, Erskineville, 3.15.
Newtown Congs. A v Holy Trinity, Wardell Rd. No. 2, 1.45.

Second Grade B Division.

All Souls v Leichhardt Meths., H'field Flat, 3.15.
Austens F.C. v Leichhardt Pres, L'hardt Flat, 1.45.
Fivedock Meths. v Croydon Congs. A, Wardell Rd. No. 3, 3.15.
All Saints v Ashfield Bap., Wardell Rd. No. 1, 3.15.

Third Grade A Division.

St. Lukes v Botany Meth. B, Centen. Pk. No. 2, 1.45.
St. Stephens N. v St. Bartholomews, Erskineville, 1.45.
St. Thomas v Alex. Mission B, Centen. Pk. No. 2, 3.15.
Newtown Congs. B v St. Silas, Centen. Pk. No. 1, 1.45.
St. Columbs v St. Johns Bal. B, Centen. Pk. No. 1, 3.15.

Third Grade B Division.

St. Aidans B v Canterbury Meths, Lakemba, 3.15.
St. Bedes v Annandale Meths., H'field Flat, 1.45.
Lakemba Congs. B v Croydon Congs. B, Lakemba, 1.45.
H. Pk. Meths. v St. Johns Glebe, Hurlstone Park, 1.45.
St. Stephens K. the bye.

St. George Branch.

Carlton Meth. A v Tempe Park Meths, Cooks River No. 2, 3.15.
Carlton Meth. B v Campsie Meth., Cooks River No. 1, 3.15.
Kogarah Pres. v St. Clements, Cooks River No. 1, 1.45.

North Sydney.

St. Peters v St. Matthews, on Reid Park, 2 p.m.
St. Clements v St. Lukes, Reid Park, 3.30.

COMPETITION TABLES.

	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
Kogarah	6	1	4	16	27	11
*Campsie	7	2	1	15	36	8
*Carlton	6	1	3	15	30	11
Tempe	5	5	1	11	17	29
St. Clements	2	8	1	5	12	32
Carlton United	1	10	0	2	5	36

*Match to play.

"AND SAY—'HOW CLEVER!'"

C. E. Sutcliffe on Compliments Between Clubs, Referees, and Players.

I dare say that all of us at some time or another have said things which it would have been far better had we left them unsaid, and many of us have written things thoughtlessly and innocently that it would have been far better had we refrained from putting pen to paper. Let not the above sentence ever defer us from doing right for fear of what people may say; but two matters recently have given me some concern, and lest they may become a habit to those at fault, or an example to others to copy, let us hear and now discuss them plainly yet fearlessly.

It is a growing practice for referees to write to clubs complimenting players on their fine sporting conduct; and I hear that at least one club has in the past written to a referee complimenting him on the excellent way in which he refereed the game. Neither practice is to be commended, but condemned. If teams play in accordance with the laws of the game they do what is expected of them. If they restrain their tempers they show us they have learnt one of the first lessons the game teaches them. If a referee conducts a game splendidly he has done his duty well and been very fortunate. If he wants bouquets throwing at him we must be prepared when he fails to do well to receive brickbats.

What is the Meaning?

But what is the meaning of this "you-stroke-me-and-I'll-stroke-you" business? If teams do not play the game and give the referee a lot of unnecessary trouble, does any referee ever think of writing to the clubs to complain of the conduct of the players. If it is the right thing to send compliments, it must be right to send complaints. Let me, however,

warn referees and clubs that the public view this back-scratching business as prompted by sinister motives. They wonder what it means and what is behind it, and then form their own opinions; and, putting it blankly, they see in it a thin cloak over fishing for compliments or jobs on the part of the referee and for favors by the club.

Idolatry.

It is the greatest misfortune for spectators to idolise one particular player. If one is made a special favorite, what of the others? I never take the slightest notice of the tables published from time to time of the principal goal-scorers. Every game we find other players make the opening, and the final touch is made easy for the scoring player. Three times out of four if the player who scored had failed he ought to have been called on to forfeit his wages. After almost every goal you find first handshaking with the scorer, but the most impressive action is when the scorer goes to shake the hand of the man who presented him with the gilt-edged opportunity. We waste too much enthusiasm and present too many congratulations on the attackers, and forget all too quickly the value and service rendered to the game by other members of the team. Scorers are cheered to the echo as they leave the field of play, so is the goalkeeper who has rendered splendid service; but what of the plodding halves and the dour, defiant backs?

SCIENCE TO THE FRONT LINE.

Wise Words to Forwards.

By Horace Barnes, Manchester City International.

One of the main factors of the inside position is to keep that position—not go roaming about all over the field.

I find by experience that the inside forwards' lot is all work, that is, if he is going to play the game properly, for when he is not attacking he is back giving the defence a hand.

Also, everything depends on the inside men as to whether the centre forward is a success or not, for, if he is well looked after in the matter of passes, and is a good man at his position, success must come sooner or later.

Apart from this, he is your leader, and it is up to him to keep the line moving—an impossible task without the adequate support of the inside men.

Passing.

One great thing to remember is to look after your wing men. Don't ask them to do the impossible by placing the ball too far ahead of them; give them a reasonable chance of securing the



G. ANDERSON,
A Fine Full Back.

ball, and, as a rule, you can rely on them to do their share of the work.

Then it is up to you to keep in position, otherwise his subsequent centre might be wasted.

One point that the average player may not pay any attention to is the position for a "throw in." I find that it is always policy to mark your opposing inside man, as this gives the defence more freedom.

Solo Efforts.

Solo runs are very profitable occasionally, but it is not wise to make this a regular practice, for it destroys to a certain extent the confidence which your comrades have in you, and furthermore, if your effort is a failure, then you call down trouble on your own head by your apparent selfishness.

No team will meet with any success which is composed of individualists, for success depends on you all working together—the most essential factor in football—and you will always find that it is the teams who combine that win through in the long run.

How to Kick.

A common fault with young players is kicking with the toe instead of the instep.

Often after a match you will hear post-mortems being held on shots that might have scored, but for the fact they were just a bit too high.

The reason for this is not too hard to find—for, as I have said, the fault lies in the kicking. The use of the instep as a propellant means that you will do away with ballooning the ball, and, remember this, that it is not always the force with which you kick the ball that scores the goal, for direction is nine-tenths of the success of your shots.

A decided weakness with some inside men is the inability to kick equally well with both feet—a weakness not apparent until within the vicinity of the goal mouth.

Often during the course of a game you get the chance to score, and, to the dismay of the spectators, your shot is feeble or lacks direction through this fault alone.

For this there is only one remedy; persevere with your kicking with both feet.

A Parting Hint.

In the matter of passing, different teams have different ideas, but I would advocate the short-passing game under normal conditions; but when the ground is like a quagmire, then adopt the long passing game.

In conclusion, I will say just a little about heading the ball. Heading is an art in itself, and one which in my opinion is not developed in junior football.

You will find that your head will be far more useful to you than your feet on many occasions, especially in front of goal, when centres or corner kicks are coming over.

As a parting hint: Keep your position.

Shoot hard and often, and success will crown your efforts eventually.

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PRIMROSE PARK.

Spectators were kept interested from start to finish of both games last Saturday.

The early game between the 53rd Battalion and Annandale Altona saw the former team win 3-1. This team has made great progress, this being its first year in action.

The late match was between the crack Marrickville Avoca and Leichhardt Juniors, and as expected it turned out to be a hard tussle, the game ending with honors even, 1-1. Both goals were scored in the second half. Leichhardt started at a terrible pace, and looked like scoring on several occasions, but over anxiousness spoiled many good movements. Marrickville drew blood first through the agency of Orr. Leichhardt then redoubled their efforts and managed to draw level. Marrickville goalie going down to stop a hot one, being crowded by the opposing forwards, who managed to force the ball into the net.

We were pleased to see W. Ewen (who was injured against Granville) among the spectators.

United Juniors last week very nearly bit the dust, just scraping home by the odd goal against the fast improving Kenilworth team.

A GRADE.

Lilyfield and Kangaroos met at Five Dock, and a brilliant game ended in a 1-all draw. The former team had Kangaroos completely penned in for 20 minutes in the second half, and were very unlucky in not adding to their score. S. McCarthy netted a good goal well in the second half, while Kangaroos goal was accidentally scored by a Lilyfield player.

53rd Battalion defeated Annandale Altona at P. Park after a very good game by 3 to 1. The winners showed excellent combination throughout the game, and thoroughly deserved their win. Altona were not seen at their best at any stage of the game.

B Grade.

Leichhardt Juniors (leaders) just got home against Sunlight at Algie Park by 3 to 2. Sunlight played superior football, and 8 minutes from the end were leading 2-0. Leichhardt were awarded a penalty and netted a good

The Metropolitan Juniors

goal, and in the concluding period came with a great rally and scored the winning goal in the last minute. Leichhardt meet Lilyfield at Canterbury No. 1 on Saturday. The former team won in the first round by 1-0, and a good game can be expected in this match. Both teams are evenly matched.

C Grade.

Rozelle Waratah (leaders in Division 1) defeated Leichhardt Wanderers at Five Dock after a bosker game by 2-0. Rozelle had the best of matters in the last 20 minutes, and had Leichhardt on the defence. Rozelle seem secure for this division.

Lilyfield beat Annandale Waratahs at Algie Park after a very good game by 1-0. This game was evenly contested throughout, and some very good football was shown on both sides. Rozelle Fernleigh narrowly defeated Annandale United at Canterbury by 2-1. While the youthful team, Rozelle Juniors, succeeded in holding the strong Annandale Federals to a 1-all draw, this was a splendid game from start to finish, and a draw was the true result of each team.

Enmore United caused a great surprise by defeating the powerful Warren Iona team by 2-1. Warren Avoca continue to win, having beaten Newtown in their latter engagement. Iona drop back to third place. Pyrmont now occupy 2nd place with Warren Avoca on top.

FIXTURES FOR 2nd AUGUST, 1924.

A Grade.

Easton Park v Annandale Altona, Primrose Park, No. 1, 1.45.
Lilyfield v Sargents, Algie Pk., 3.15.
Glebe Arcadia v M'ville Avoca, forfeit.

Kangaroos v 53rd Battalion, Canterbury No. 2, 3.15.

B Grade.

Bondi Beach A v Leichhardt Juniors, Fivedock, 3.15.
St. Peters Kans. v Bondi Beach B., Centennial No. 13, 3.15.
Lilyfield v Newtown, Canterbury No. 1, 1.45.

Banksmeadow v Sunlight, Fivedock, 1.45.

C Grade Division 1.

Annandale Waratahs v Rozelle Fernleigh, Canterbury No. 3, 3.15.
Leichhardt Wdrs. v Annandale Feds., Canterbury No. 2, 1.45.

Lilyfield v Rozelle Juniors, Algie Park, 1.45.

Rozelle Waratahs v Annandale United, Canterbury No. 3, 1.45.

C Grade Division 2.

Warren Iona v Newtown Iona, Primrose Park No. 2, 1.45.

Marrickville Rangers v Erskineville, Canal, 3.15.

Enmore United v Manly Jnrs., Centennial No. 12, 1.45.

Pyrmont v Warren Avoca, Primrose Park No. 2, 3.15.

C Grade Division 3.

Long Bay Kia Ora v Botany Recs., Banksmeadow, 3 p.m.

Punch Park v Manning Rovers, Canterbury No. 4, 1.45.

Banksmeadow v Bondi Beach, Centennial No. 13, 1.45.

Nestles v St. Peters, Crescent, 1.45.

COMPETITION TABLES TO 12th JULY

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
United Juniors . . .	8	8	—	—	44	6	16
M'ville Avoca . . .	8	7	—	1	33	3	15
L'hardt Juniors . . .	9	7	1	1	29	8	15
Kenilworth . . .	9	5	4	—	17	20	10
Sydenham . . .	9	4	4	1	25	21	9
Pyrmont Refinery . . .	9	4	4	1	16	17	9
Sydney . . .	9	4	5	—	22	24	8
L'hardt W'tahs . . .	9	2	7	—	8	42	4
Farmers . . .	9	1	8	—	7	45	2
Manly Thistle withdrawn from competition.							

A GRADE

Lilyfield	10	9	—	1	31	7	19
Easton Park	9	6	1	2	22	5	14
An'dale Altona	9	5	2	2	31	13	12
Sargents	10	4	5	1	21	25	9
M'ville Avoca	10	4	5	1	16	21	9
53rd Battalion	10	4	6	—	12	30	8
Glebe Arcadia	10	1	7	1	13	21	4
Kangaroos	10	1	8	1	12	37	3

B GRADE

L'hardt Juniors	10	9	1	—	27	11	15
Newtown	10	7	2	1	34	12	15
St. Peters Kans.	10	6	3	1	36	18	13
Lilyfield	10	6	4	—	21	18	12
Sunlight	10	3	6	1	20	27	7
Bondi Beach A	10	3	6	1	15	32	7
Banksmeadow	10	3	7	—	17	21	6
Bondi Beach B	10	1	9	—	12	43	2

C GRADE DIVISION 1

Rozelle Waratah	10	9	—	1	50	5	19
Lilyfield	10	7	1	2	25	7	16
An'dale Federals	10	4	2	4	13	7	12
An'dale United	10	4	4	2	21	12	10
Rozelle Fernleigh	10	4	5	1	18	12	9
An'dale Waratah	10	2	5	3	5	21	7
L'hardt Wandrs.	10	2	8	—	14	26	4
Rozelle Jnrs.	10	1	8	1	8	65	3

C GRADE DIVISION 2

Warren Avoca	10	7	2	1	29	10	15
Warren Iona	10	5	1	4	27	13	14
Pyrmont Rgs.	8	4	2	2	22	9	10
M'ville Rangers	9	3	2	4	12	13	10
Enmore United	7	2	1	4	17	9	8
Manly Juniors	9	1	5	3	6	15	5
Erskineville	8	1	5	2	11	33	4
Newtown Iona	9	1	6	2	5	27	4

C GRADE DIVISION 3

Punch Park	10	10	—	—	42	4	20
St. Peters Kans.	10	8	2	—	47	4	16
Botany Recs.	10	7	3	—	35	12	14
B'meadow Rovers	10	6	4	—	36	15	12
Nestles	9	3	5	1	30	17	7
Bondi Beach	10	3	6	1	16	18	7
Manning Rov.	10	1	9	—	3	84	2
L. Bay Kia Ora	9	—	9	—	3	57	0

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

In the semi-final game for the Alert Cup, Lakemba No. 1 and Canterbury Park had a hard set to on the former's ground. The wearers of the green and gold once again proved themselves too superior for the latter. From the commencement Canterbury's forwards strongly attacked and looked like opening their account, but they sadly lacked shooting power. The opening goal for Lakemba was caused through Armour mis-kicking, and Godwin following on put a well-timed shot between the posts. The locals led 1 to nil at half-time. In the second half Canterbury had the best of play, when good opportunities went begging through their forwards continually shooting astray. A good piece of combination was the result of the Lake's second goal, Cook, who was transferred to the centre, drove hard, and the ball rebounding from the post gave Horan an open goal. The final result was 2 to nil in favor of Lakemba after a hard and fast game.

The other semi-final match was played at Revesby, where Campsie Athletics defeated the local side by 1 to nil after an interesting game. Good judgment was shown by Skipper Hoseman in bringing Crowhurst (back) into the forwards, who scored the only goal of the match. For a new club Revesby has given some fine displays, and were greatly surprised at the result. The outstanding feature was the goalkeeping of Kelly, who saved his side time after time. Well done, Kelly.

Hurlstone Park (C Grade) again defeated Canterbury Juniors, on Goodlets Park, by a narrow margin, winning by 1 to nil.

Campsie Rechabites (B Grade) and Lakemba played a scoreless draw in the early game at Lakemba. There was very little to choose between them, as each side was evenly matched.

Bankstown (B Grade) equalled the record created by Athletics in beating Revesby Rovers by 12 to nil. Bankstown, who are in great form at present, and look like going very close to win the medals.

Canterbury Park (C Grade) had no difficulty in beating Bankstown in the late game at headquarters, the final result being 4 to nil.

Owing to the sixth Test match to be played to-day, all games will be suspended.

Critics are wondering how Campsie Athletics (B Grade) will fare against Lakemba No. 1, the crack A Grade team, in the final for the Alert Cup.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Alert Cup.
Lakemba No. 1 and Canterbury Park, 2—0.

Campsie Athletics and Revesby Rovers 1—0.

B Grade.
Bankstown and Revesby 12—0.

Campsie Rechabites and Lakemba, scoreless draw.

C Grade Knock-out.
Canterbury Park and Bankstown 4—0.

Hurlstone Park and Canterbury Juniors 1—0.

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THE GARDINER CUP.

The Gardiner Cup was presented to the Association in April, 1888, by W. A. Gardiner, Esq., York Street, Sydney, as a Chal-

lenge Cup. West Wallsend are the present holders; the winners of the Cup are entitled to style themselves "State Champions."

The Granville Association

All matches in this area have been suspended to-day to allow those who are anxious to see the final Test to do so.

Loyalty to the parent body has also something to do with this decision. It is expected that a big crowd will go down from here.

I regret that in my last points table a slight mistake was made in the number of goals scored by Advance Juniors. Same should have read 55 for and 6 against; otherwise the statement is correct. The Parramatta total also should have read 24 for, against 11.

The Auburn-Pyrmont match at Clyde last week-end attracted a fair number to witness a very moderate game. The first half was evenly contested, but Auburn were a little superior in the second half, and eventually won 2—0.

The two early games were the Granville Troop of Boy Scouts Juveniles and Port Kembla, at 1 p.m., and the Juniors followed at 2 p.m. The local Juveniles won a very fine game by 2—1, and the Juniors were beaten 2—0. Lady friends of the Troop provided luncheon on the ground for the party, and after the game supper was partaken of at the Scouts' Hall. About 70 boys made merry, and made the "Starvers" do the disappearing trick in good style. Our President, Treasurer and Secretary were also present, and were welcomed by Scoutmaster George King. Our President, Mr. Henden Epps, suitably thanked all for the welcome. Indoor games were indulged in till about ten o'clock, when each of the locals took a mate home for the night. The visitors returned to their homes on Sunday evening.

The Juvenile Kewpies met their Waterloo in United B, at Auburn Park, and were only able to make a no-score draw of it. Kewpies claim that United did not stick to the age limit, and United reckon that Kewpies were all born more than 16 years ago. The argument has to be settled on Monday night.

The three lads who are supposed to be over age will appear, and Kewpies will produce 11 certificates to help settle the argument. The clever Parramatta boys were only able to make a 1—1 draw with Lidcombe.

United A beat Auburn 3—0.

In the Junior the clever Blues took advantage of the warm day to run up a cricket score against

United B; 14 to 1 was the final tally. United A and Lidcombe settled a little difference to the advantage of the A's, 5—2.

In the All-Age, Granville East made no mistake with Merrylands 8—0. Lidcombe also received its second set-back this time at the hands of Kewpies. Thanks to the fine defence of Piper, for Kewpies, the game ended at 1—1.

English Electric and Caledonians met at the Park, and the double E eleven just managed to win by the odd goal in 3.

The senior games were even and exciting, and some very good form was shown. Lidcombe and Babcocks met and both failed to score.

Parramatta and Advance put up a good game, but the more experienced Parramattans won 3—2.

In the Church section Congs. A had a good win over St. Marks 5—1. Baptist and Congs. B were on even terms, 2—2.

Several complaints having been received re the consumption of strong drink by some of the teams on Saturday afternoons, the committee has decided to take drastic action if a recurrence takes place. There is nothing more degrading than to see players tipping the bottle when taking part in a match. Further warning should not be necessary.

Magpies have been entered for the South Coast Nurse Cup, just when they will be free to take part is a matter for conjecture.

The outstanding results on Saturday in the Metrop. competition was the Magpie-Two Blue draw. The Blues have certainly made a name this season. Should they be successful against Gladstone in the Gardiner, their meeting with West Wallsend should be well worth seeing.

Magpies' next Gardiner match is with United Juniors, who fixed our Auburn team up a few weeks back. Now that I am assured that the Juniors are really a team and not a mixture of teams I apologise if I unintentionally cast any reflection on them in my notes of the 12th.

I again repeat that they are a clever combination, at the same time they will need to be all out to defeat the Premiers when they meet. Quite a number of people think they will be unwise to risk their junior status on this match.

Our old friend, P.T.W.'s genial smile has been missed from Clyde

lately. It is hoped that he is not again on the sick list.

Woe betide those who try to put one over our new Treasurer. Ern knows what rocks are ahead, and is steering the ship accordingly.

Good gates are still being made at Clyde.

The meeting of Blues and Auburn will attract a big crowd if we are lucky enough to get the match. It should be worth at least £40.

I reported a few weeks ago that Bill Allerton has thrown in the whistle; this is not quite correct, as he is only having a spell. Will be available if required is Billy's slogan.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.

The State champions, West Wallsend, were defeated by Cessnock last Saturday, and that Perce Lennard scored the only goal of the match.

Lennard played in more test matches than any other player last year, but has not represented Australia this year.

He started the season badly, receiving an injury to his leg, but he has quite recovered now.

Jack White, the Queenslander, unfortunately could not get leave to play to-day for Australia; it was certainly a pity, as White has a great reputation, and Sydneyites would have liked to have seen him in action.

Owen, Wallsend's right half, played for Australia in the third and fourth Tests; it will be interesting to-day to compare his style with that of O'Connor, the promising Auburn lad.

GARDINER CUP RULE.

The new Gardiner Cup rule, which provides for the registration of players a fortnight before the match in which they play will now be strictly adhered to. A copy of the N.S.W. Association Constitution and Rules has been posted to every club which entered, either of the State championship competitions.

FIXTURES FOR AUGUST 2.

Gardiner Cup.

Sydney v Gladesville, S.C.G., No. 2, 3.15.
Two Blues v Bal. Gladstones, Wentworth Park, 3.15.
Granville v United Juniors, Clyde Oval, 3.15.
Bal. Fernleigh v Leichhardt, Leichhardt Oval, 3.15.
St. George v Balgownie, South Coast.

Fifth Series, Second Division.

Lachlan Rangers v Bal. Scottish, Ibrox Park, 3.15.
West Sydney v Rangers, Wentworth Park, 1.45.
Canterbury v Pyrmont, Easton Park, 3.15.
St. George v Leichhardt, deferred.

Sunlight Cup.

Pyrmont v Sydney, S.G.G., No. 2, 1.45.
Ann. v Gladesville, Leichhardt, 1.45.
Callan Park v Campsie, Callan Park, 2.15.
Lilyfield v South Sydney, Ibrox Park, 1.45.
Fire Brigades v Metters, Waterloo, 1.45.
Sunlight v Botany, Sunlight Sports Ground, 3.15.
West Sydney v Alexandria, Waterloo, 3.15.
Eastern Suburbs v Manly, Centennial Park, 3.15.
Northern Suburbs v Garden Island, Crescent, 3.15.
Booralee v Drummoyne, Booralee, 3.15.
Bankstown the bye.

RESULTS OF MATCHES, 19th JULY, 1924.

1st GRADE 1st DIVISION

Auburn beat Pyrmont Rgs. 2-0.
Balmain Gladstones beat Sydney 1-0.
Two Blues drew with Granville 1-1.
Gladesville drew with Balmain Fernleigh 2-2.

2nd DIVISION

Canterbury beat Lachlan Rgs. 3-1.
Balmain Scottish beat St. George 2-1.
Pyrmont beat Rangers 1-0.
Leichhardt drew with West Sydney 2-2.

2nd GRADE A DIVISION

Annandale Albion beat Gladesville 3-0.
Bankstown and Pyrmont drew 2-2.
Lilyfield Rgs. beat Fire Brigades 5-1.
West Sydney beat Drummoyne 5-0.

Rozelle Albions forfeit to Sunlight.
A.G.L. forfeit to Campsie Thistle.

B DIVISION

Metters beat Callan Park 5-1.
Manly beat Eastern Suburbs 3-2.
Sydney drew with Botany Albions 1-1.
Alexandria beat Burns Club 2-0.
Garden Island beat Northern Suburbs 2-1.

COMPETITION TABLE.

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rangers	10	7	2	1	36	12	15
St. George	10	6	2	2	26	12	14
West Sydney	10	4	1	5	26	16	13
Pyrmont	10	5	2	3	26	17	13
Leichhardt	10	5	3	2	25	18	12
Bal. Scottish	10	2	6	2	11	30	6
Lachlan Rgs.	10	2	8	—	18	35	4
Canterbury	10	1	8	1	15	43	3

W. LINCOLN CUP.

1st DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	3	2	—	1	10	3	5
Two Blues	3	2	—	1	4	2	5
Bal. Gladstone	3	2	1	—	3	2	4
Pyrmont Rgs.	3	1	2	—	7	6	2
Auburn	3	1	2	—	3	7	2
Bal. Fernleigh	3	1	2	—	3	4	2
Sydney	3	1	2	—	2	3	2
Gladesville	3	1	2	—	4	9	2

2nd DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
West Sydney	3	2	—	1	8	4	5
Rangers	3	2	1	—	17	1	4
Pyrmont	3	2	1	—	3	2	4
Leichhardt	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
St. George	3	1	2	—	6	5	2
Bal. Scottish	3	1	2	—	3	10	2
Canterbury	3	1	2	—	3	16	2
Lachlan Rgs.	3	1	2	—	4	7	2

SECOND GRADE A DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Ann. Albion	11	9	—	2	35	5	20
Pyrmont	11	7	1	3	25	14	17
Sunlight	11	8	2	1	28	9	17
Bankstown	11	6	1	4	24	7	16
Campsie Thistle	11	5	3	3	25	16	13
West Sydney	11	6	5	—	31	21	12
Lilyfield Rgs.	11	5	5	1	20	26	11
Gladesville	11	4	5	2	12	18	9
Drummoyne	11	2	6	3	9	29	7
Fire Brigades	11	3	7	1	7	34	7
A.G.L. Coy.	11	—	11	—	3	27	0
Rozelle Albions	11	—	11	—	1	14	0

SECOND GRADE B DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Metters	9	8	—	1	38	7	17
Sydney	11	7	1	3	30	18	17
Botany Albions	11	6	3	2	36	14	14
Garden Island	9	6	2	1	19	12	13
Alexandria	11	5	3	3	24	11	13
Callan Park	11	6	5	—	21	17	12
North Sydney	11	5	5	1	23	22	11
Manly	10	4	4	2	18	22	11
E. Suburbs	11	3	7	1	21	28	7
Burns Club	11	2	8	1	14	37	5
Booralee Rovers	10	1	8	1	10	32	3
South Sydney	9	1	8	—	8	43	2

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THE STANDARD OF PLAY.

The "Soccer News" Editorial of July 12th deplores the lack of advancement which we were justly entitled to look forward to after the Chinese tour last year. I am afraid that we failed to judge the number of people who only came to see the Chinese out of curiosity and deluded ourselves into the belief that our game had a bigger hold on the public than it really has.

To find a cure, the M.S.F.A. has appointed a committee to report on the whole question of district football.

Why not, however, go straight ahead and form a N.S.W. League on district lines, covering Maitland, Newcastle, Sydney and Illawarra? Ten good teams could be got, and five good games could be played every week. As a suggestion I put forward the following teams:—

Illawarra: Balgownie—Corrimal and Woonona—Coledale; **Metropolis:** Granville, Pyrmont, Balmain and Sydney; **Newcastle:** Wallsend—West Wallsend and Adamstown—Mayfield; **Maitland:** Cessnock—Neath and Weston—Kurri Kurri.

Metropolitan teams would play six away games in the season, while country teams would play eight. The increased support which would be forthcoming would provide for players' expenses and assure every association better revenue than they are at present receiving.

The present branch associations could control all club games taking a percentage to run its own affairs and help junior football. The present system which permits one good game to every four bad games, and makes it easy for a player of mediocre ability to be known as a first-class player has got to go overboard. Playing with district football in one area will advance nothing. A N.S.W. League is the only hope for Soccer football, and its up to us to get in and establish it before next season.

J. R. HAWKE.

We have not yet secured that elusive "Person of public importance" which a sporting contemporary thinks the code needs. But we're still Boyd up!

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